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THE DATE OF THE OBELISK.

WAS THOMAS III. THE HARD-HEARTED

AND PHARAOH WHO DIED IN THE

RED SEA?

New York World.

In room No. 36 of the Cooper

Union last evening Dr. David P.

Holton, the Corresponding Secretary

of the American Philological Society,

read before that body a paper

prepared by Gustavus Seyffarth on

"The Alexandrian Obelisk in New

York, its Age and Inscriptions."

Professor Seyffarth says this obelisk

at present, 3,745 years old, is

one of the oldest monuments of an

ancient art, literature, history and

theology. It is closely connected

with the records of the Old Testa-

ment. It is one of twenty-nine ob-

elisks saved from the barbarian hands

of the Persians (525 B. C.) by the

Arabs (632 A. C.). It was the

sixth left in Egypt by the Europeans.

It belongs to the eight greatest ob-

elisks erected by the Egyptian kings.

The pyramid contains four in-

scriptions. On the right side of the

shaft three perpendicular lines

have been, each of the latter con-

taining about fifty words. The

whole of the obelisk must have con-

tained two hundred groups more or

less, and nearly sixty have been

erased. What have these hierogly-

phic lines to tell us? Who is able

to translate them into English gram-

matically and logically? What is

the real key to Egyptian literature

so long sought? Professor Seyffarth

then gave an extended re-

view of the attempt of different

Egyptologists to decipher hierogly-

phs and his reasons for believing

that the real key to Egyptian litera-

ture was unknown to Champollion

and his successors. He then contin-

ued:

"The Egyptian literature does not

consist half of ideologic (symbolic)

and half of alphabetic signs, but has

630 figures of natural objects—men,

lions, animals, trees, plants, im-

plements, &c., for syllabically ex-

pressing two or three consonants con-

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Mr. Hall shot and killed Mrs.

Foster who, he said, was his wife.

This was in Pennsylvania.

The birthday anniversary of the

late General Robert E. Lee will be

celebrated at Charleston and else-

where, on the 19th.

The man Scott who murdered an

inoffensive drug clerk in Napoleon,

Ohio, recently, is announced as "ex-

Governor of South Carolina." The

telegraph omitted to mention that

he was a carpet-bag "ex-Governor,"

etc. We should not term such a per-

son an ex-Governor of South Caro-

lina at all. The South shall not be

made responsible for the perform-

ances of such creatures. Put him

down to Ohio, where he belongs, we

believe.

The city of Cambridge, Mass., is

really beginning to pride itself upon

its antiquity. On the 28th ult. it

celebrated its two hundred and fifti-

eth anniversary with the show and

circumstances fitting the occasion.

The annual report of the Bureau